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Rural Trash Collection Starts Tues.

By Jake Buckner
District Sanitarian

This is to advise the citizens of Mitchell and Yancey Counties that the program of Rural Garbage and Refuse Collection will start next Tuesday, March 3.

I know of no program that is more needed than this one and many people of each county have asked for and wanted it for a long time. The only way for us to keep this worthwhile program a success is for all home owners to willingly participate in it before it is made mandatory. Those who do wish to have their waste picked up once each week for the small sum of seventy five cents per week should get in touch with Mr. Gerald Ivey, Newland, N. C. Phone 733-5464 and give him their name and address. Please store your garbage in regulation type garbage cans with tight fitting lids. Large uncovered oil barrels will not do as they are not sanitary and are too large to handle. Get the large size heavy duty galvanized cans, 32 gallon capacity or less.

We have in these two counties some good highways. We could have clean highways and clean streams if they were not continually kept polluted with raw un-treated sewage or garbage and waste, or both.

Two of us will be working at this problem continually and we expect to enforce the Law if it is necessary to clean these spots up just as fast as we can. We ask for the cooperation and help of the public so that we may help you.

We stated before that if a home owner does not participate in this program, he will be required to dispose of his waste in a manner approved by the District Health Department Authorities and the N. C. State Board of Health or they will be prosecuted to the full extent of the Law.

Special Notice

The Senior Woman's Club will hold its regular meeting on Thursday, February 26 at 8:00 p. m. at the home of Mrs. George Roberts. Co-hostesses will be Mrs. Betty Bacon and Mrs. Willie Dale Burton.

Welfare Skyrocketing In Nation; Yancey Proves To Be Exception

By Bob Helmle

The welfare program throughout the country is the subject of much study and discussion at the present, particularly because of the sweeping changes proposed by the present administration in Washington. In view of this special attention currently focused on the program, data contained in a recent communica-

tion to the Yancey County Department of Social Services from Raleigh are of interest.

This information shows the trends in number of welfare recipients in Yancey County over the past fifteen years. The number of aged persons receiving aid has been as follows for the fiscal years shown below:

1955-56	432	1960-61	361
1965-66	296	1968-69	216

The number of disabled persons receiving aid has been as follows:

1955-56	60	1960-61	115
1965-66	123	1968-69	122

The number of persons in the county receiving payments under the program of aid for dependent children were as follows:

1955-56	561	1960-61	732
1965-66	560	1968-69	340

It should be pointed out that the figures in this last category are for the total number of persons aided--usually children and their mothers. The number of families involved is only about a quarter of the figures shown.

The downward trend for Yancey County in this last category is of special interest, since for the country as a whole, aid for dependent children has been skyrocketing. It is evident from the figures shown that in Yancey County our local Board of Social Services has been keeping a tight rein on the situation.

Mrs. Ruby Smith, Administrative Secretary of the local Department, explains that the reduction is largely the result of hard work being done by her staff to get employment for the mothers and others responsible for supporting the dependent children. The new Yancey County Child Development Center, by furnishing day care for preschool children in the area, is serving to help the efforts to get mothers employed.

Social service workers, welfare board members, and others close to the problem of welfare administration, are often disconcerted by the loose, inaccurate and often irresponsible talk indulged in regarding welfare problems. They sometimes feel that no field of government is subject to more misrepresentation. It is in the interest of getting the facts straight that the present County Board of Social Services is glad to release the information shown above. Other information relative to the program in the county will be released from time to time.

Postmaster Announces New Mail Delivery Service

Postmaster Paul Buck said today that a new order from the Postmaster General Winston M. Blount will mean substantial improvements in mail delivery service.

Postmaster General Blount has advised the local postmaster of provisions of a new order making home delivery services available for the first time to four million Americans.

The service improvement applies to persons served out of 18,700 first, second and third class post offices over the country that do not have city delivery services. Affected are those postal customers living more than a quarter mile away from these offices and less than half a mile away. Persons living less than half a mile away had not been provided this service.

Discussing the local area effects of Mr. Blount's new order, Postmaster Buck explained: A good many families in the Burnsville area will desire this home delivery service under the new program.

To get the new service it is only necessary that those living in the eligible areas ask their postmasters to provide it, and a majority of those to be served must want the home service.

Under Mr. Blount's order, those living less than a quarter mile from the post office will continue to pick up their mail at these offices.

"But," the postmaster noted, "that's no more than a few blocks." This order, however, will make the home deliveries available wherever desired by the majority of those living beyond a quarter mile.

"This distance factor can be significant for much of the year in areas where severe weather conditions prevail; in areas where large numbers of older persons live, or in more remote sections where even a little distance may mean a lot in terms of travel difficulties."

The expansion of services should be virtually complete in all of the delivery areas under the actions taken by postal regional offices, acting on recommendations of local postmasters - by February 1, 1971.

It will be accomplished principally by adding delivery stops to already existing rural delivery routes, or by expanding the area covered by some shorter rural route for the purpose, and, a limited number of new rural routes may also be needed in other instances.

The fact that fewer persons will be calling at the post offices for their mail will not alter the independent status of any of the post offices where the service change is provided.

Ski Facts

North Carolina is the southernmost state where winter snow skiing is possible. There are eight ski resorts in North Carolina.

Taylor's Ass't To Visit Here

ASHEVILLE - Tom L. Mallonee, 11th Congressional District Assistant to Congressman Roy A. Taylor, is now making scheduled visits to the county seats and other sections of the counties.

On Friday, February 27, he will be at the Yancey County Courthouse, Burnsville, from 1:00 to 2:00 p. m. and at the Town Hall, Spruce Pine from 3:00 to 4:00 p. m.

Any person who has plans or official business pertaining to Congressional matters they wish to discuss, is invited to meet with Mr. Mallonee at the above-specified time.

NW Bank In Forest City Names Griffith As New Board Member

Jack E. Buchanan, executive vice president of The Northwestern Bank in Forest City, has announced the appointment of

Dr. Charles L. Griffith as a member of the Board of Directors of The Northwestern Bank in Forest City.

Dr. Griffith is the son of Mrs. Elma Griffith and the late H. Lee Griffith of Burnsville; and grandson of Mrs. W. O. Griffith and the late W. O. Griffith of Burnsville.

A graduate of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and the University of Louisville, Kentucky, Dr. Griffith is a dentist with offices in Forest City. He is a past president of the Isothermal Dental Society and is active in local and state dental associations.

He is married to the former Clara Dee Banner of Burnsville and they have four children.



Dr. Charles Griffith